COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS TRAINING SCHOOL

APO 501
19 Sept 1944

SUBJECT: Counter Intelligence Course for 2nd Filipino Battalion.
(24 Aug to 16 Sept 1944)

TO : Commanding Officer, 441st CIC Det, HQ USAFFE, APO 501

1. The class of 20 officers, and 30 enlisted men of the 2nd Filipino Bn completed their Counter Intelligence Course at our school with highly satisfactory results.

2. For the first few days of the school there seemed to be doubt in the minds of some students as to how they could fit into the Counter Intelligence picture, but as the class proceeded and it was shown to them how important a part they could play, through the medium of Counter Intelligence Corps, in the liberation of the Philippines and the restoration of a democratic government in the Islands, they developed into the most attentive and receptive group that has yet attended the school.

3. The Commanding Officer of the Battalion selected this group of students with the thought of extending the training to his unit. Consequently with the thought in mind of having the responsibility of passing on to the other members of their organization the vast amount of information that they were here to receive, they asked endless questions, took copious notes, and were constantly asking for more material to study.

4. Mimeographed outlines of most lectures were passed out to the students, together with other material which will aid them in instructing members of their Battalion, and it is thought that those in this group will successfully get across to their fellow soldiers the job which the CIC has to do in the coming operations, and the part that they will be likely to have in this work.

5. Our course for the Filipino Bn consisted of a straight CIC curriculum, although Tagalog was included as an additional subject for the American officers. The Bn has had extensive training in Infantry field work so the qualifying of those who have the educational requirements as CIC personnel is not difficult. The laws which the CIC enforces were stressed, as well as observation and discription investigation and report writing.

6. Attention was likewise centered on investigative procedure, preservation of evidence, informants and informerssearches, seizures, the law of arrest, and other subjects appertaining to the Philippines, which will have a direct bearing upon our duty as Counter Intelligence agents. Lectures and discussions were supplemented with training films. A representative from each of the seven CIC Combat Teams to date comitted, from the Admiralties to

Sansapor, gave a talk on his mission and how his duty was performed.

7. Of particular interest is the high morale existing among the officers and men of this class. Up to the present, they explain, they had had no definite mission assigned to the them except infantry. But now that they have an outstanding job to do, keen competition for key assignments is anticipated. All of those attending at Palmarosa were found to be highly enthused, eager for this type of duty, and to have ability. This high enthusiasm may be attributed to the fact that the students represented every rank from the Bn commanding officer, Lt. Col. Edwin L. Sallman, down to Private Andres de Guzman, each showing an equal interest in preparing himself for his future work.

8. Staff members of the Counter Intelligence School are proceeding to APO 503, location of the 2nd Filipino Bn, to assist the CO in preparing his schedules and projecting the training.

9. Graduation exercises were conducted 16 September 1944, with Major General Basilio Valdes presenting the diplomas, and addressing the students and reminding them of their responsibilities to the governments of the United States and the Philippines. Also the fact that their assignment to the Counter Intelligence Corps has placed them in a position to render an important service to their country.

CARL H. GOODRICK,
Major, C. A. C.,
Commandant.